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## JAPANESE CLAIM OFFICER FIRED SHOT THROUGH DOOR

**Pukoo, Molokai, Affair Causes Sensation—Wounded Man Brought to Wailuku. May Lose Hand—Gambling Raid Cause of Trouble.**

There is a weird tale coming from Molokai once more, and this particular one is that relating to the shooting and wounding of a Japanese by a police officer. The Japanese is now in Wailuku being treated for his wound and he may possibly lose his right hand.

It seems, from the story of the county sheriff, that last Saturday night or rather Sunday morning early, there was a gambling game going strong in the house of a Pukoo baker. The place was full of Japanese who were on the job of winning a big fortune. All went well for a while but, suddenly, there was an interruption when two police officers arrived on the scene. From then on the story becomes hazy; some people swear one thing and others tell another story.

One yarn is that the little gambling party was broken up by the firing of a revolver through the door. The shot is said to have put out the lamp that was standing on the table. The wounded man is said to have received the bullet in his wrist, and another man is said to have been burnt by the powder from the pistol when it was fired. Powder marks on the man's face are exhibited as proof of the statement.

The police officer's statement is to the effect that he and another officer were notified of the game, and that they proceeded to the house with the intention of raiding the place. Upon arrival at the baker's store the officers say that they broke open the door and rushed the crowd. Money and dice were gathered in, but all the gamblers managed to get away through the numerous doors and windows.

The police officer, who admits firing the shot, declares that he did so when some of the men declined to stop and continued on their headlong dash for the outer darkness. The officer says that he simply fired in the general direction of the runners and that he aimed high. It is thought that the bullet struck the hand of one of the Japanese as he flung his arm in the air as he ran.

Sheriff Crowell went over to Molokai to investigate the affair and he secured a conviction in the case of all the men who were charged with gambling. There is talk of the wounded Japanese suing the county for damages on account of the wound he sustained. The man was brought over to Wailuku last Wednesday and is said to be doing as well as can be expected.

## Crooked Work Is Alleged

**Claim Made That Makawao Police Officer Is Grafting—Sheriff Defends.**

Allegations have been made in open session of the Maui board of supervisors, that all is not well with the police officers at Makawao. It was stated on Tuesday last that the police committee was authorized to investigate certain charges that have been made against a police officer at Makawao. The alleged wrong doing is said to be connected with gamblers' bail money.

Supervisor Drummond wanted to go up to Makawao last Tuesday night and investigate the whole affair. He claimed that the Japanese witnesses would all be there, and the matter could be gone into thoroughly. The rest of the supervisors thought that as the sheriff was away on Molokai, it would be discourteous to him, as head of the police department, to proceed in the Makawao matter till he returned. It was decided to leave the matter alone till later on.

Sheriff Crowell, when seen after his return to Maui from Molokai, told a MAUI NEWS man that he was investigating the matter quietly and that there was a lot more behind the affair than appeared on the surface.

"The police officer, who is accused of doing wrong, is one of my best officers. He is severe on gamblers and the whole matter may be a frame up to get rid of him. I have known him for years and would hesitate long before taking the word of gamblers as against his. However, the investigation is going on and the truth will come out in the long run."

The statement was made at the meeting of board of supervisors that the alleged crooked work at Makawao had been reported two months ago. There would seem to be some mistake about the length of time, as Sheriff Crowell says that it is only one month since the matter was brought to his attention.

## May Have "City Hall"

That Maui needs a "City Hall" is the opinion of a lot of people. The supervisors favor the idea and, judging from the talk about the installation of a vault for documents and coin, there is a possibility that, before long, something may be done in the matter.

At the meeting of the board of supervisors, held last Tuesday, the matter of a vault was brought up. It was pointed out that to build the vault under the present county office, would be absurd. The old building is nothing like fireproof and, also, in the event of a new building being erected, the vault would be useless.

The suggestion was made that the building which houses the county auditor, the county attorney and the treasurer, could be added to, and that a second storey might be put on over the police side. Considerable doubt as to whether the building would stand an additional storey was expressed. However, the matter was only brought up informally, and nothing very definite was said. It is, however, probable that an up-to-date county office building may be constructed within the near future.

## Two Papers From Maui

**Chamber of Commerce Endorses Hugh Howell's and W. H. Field's Contributions.**

At a special meeting of the Maui Chamber of Commerce that was held on Thursday afternoon the matter of the papers that are to be read at the Civic Convention in Honolulu was taken up. Only two gentlemen came forward and outlined what they are going to present in the way of a paper at the Honolulu convention. Hugh Howell will read a paper on Road Development in Hawaii. The paper will be in the nature of a history of the early efforts in road building, from the days of the trails built by the chiefs, to the present time, when beautiful macadamized thoroughfares exist.

Mr. Howell is thoroughly capable of treating such a paper and he will take the subject, step by step, right along during the past fifty years or more up to the present date.

The paper will also treat of the methods of building good roads, and the most suitable material with which to do so. The well known engineer will not criticize other methods, except in a general way. He will invite criticism of his paper, and in that way will work for the best interests of everybody concerned.

Mr. W. H. Field will read a paper on Handling the Tourist, and will incorporate in the paper a description of how six days can profitably be spent on Maui. The paper will also described many trips of interest that tourists can make on Maui. Mr. Field has gathered a large amount of hotel data and has figures that will show the manner in which the visitors are handled at present, and the manner in which they might to better advantage be passed along from island to island till the whole group has been properly toured.

The executive committee of the chamber passed a resolution to the effect that the chamber endorsed the outlines of the proposed papers of Messrs. Howell and Field. There was to be a third paper but, as the gentleman who was to prepare it did not put in an appearance, the paper was dropped from the list, and only two addresses are now endorsed by the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

## All-Maui Team Gone

Last night the All-Maui baseball team left for Honolulu and a merry bunch it was. The boys were given a good send-off and cheers and leis were in plenty. Today, on the Honolulu Athletic Park diamond, the Mauians play their first game. Tomorrow they play again, and there is a possibility of another struggle on Monday. The hope of the Maui people is that the team will go up against the same outfit as they played here on August 16 last. It would be a feather in the caps of the Maui team to defeat the same crowd on the Oahu field as they did on the Wailuku diamond.

The Maui team, on the whole, is a good one, and the easy manner in which they defeated the Picked Nine last Sunday shows that the departing nine is alright.

## WALLER BACK; IN DARK REGARDING GOVERNORSHIP

**Big Real Estate Deal Is Made—Governor Harrison, of P. I. Entertained in Honolulu—Captain Berger Has Lost Three Sons By Accidents.**

[Special Correspondence.]

HONOLULU, Sept. 19.—It is my good fortune to live near the Mormon Church and to hear the flock practice the hymns six days and nights in the week, and to sing them on the seventh. Ordinarily I love music, but I cannot fit into a class of heavenly songs that have about as much swing to them as is found in the Jewish national anthem. What bothers me is why they do not switch off and give a new twist to the program; something that would be a variation and which might have a tendency to bring in new folks to the faith. In other churches they do not stick to one line of verse or harmony all of the time and the congregations feel better with the change. Possibly it is because the mormons are in a class by themselves, different from the church that is willing to give up the old tenets and start out on a new deal that is neither fish nor flesh.

**BIG DEAL.**

The biggest deal in real estate is that in which the great Lewers & Cooke building and land goes by deed to Albert Wilcox for \$250,000, the firm holding a lease for twenty-five years. I understand that by giving up the ownership of the property, and leasing, they save two percent on their rent which, in this instance, is a consideration. Besides it gives the firm a lot of ready money with which to continue its practice of discounting every bill that comes along. Business in their particular line is none too good just now owing to lack of building operations for that is their specialty; with no building, business must be bad for them, but not bad enough to dampen the ardor of proprietors and clerks.

**WALLER BACK.**

Candidate Waller has returned from the mainland looking the picture of health and more care-free than if he had brought back with him a commission as governor. He told me frankly two things; one, that he did not know who would be appointed governor, and the other he did not believe Pinkham would secure the place. Asked if Wilson impressed him favorably, he was quick to reply in the affirmative, adding that the president saw no one as a candidate until he had fixed upon Pinkham, when he called him in to his office and made the announcement. The other men who were willing to be chief executives of the territory, he met on-

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## Pali Road Scenic Treat

Two new delegates have been added to the Maui Civic Convention list, and they are E. R. Bevins and V. L. Stevenson. The Maui delegates to the convention left last night on the Mauna Kea, and they are due to arrive in Honolulu this morning. Maui will be represented by about fifteen well known men.

At the meeting of the chamber of commerce on Thursday, Senator Penhallow said that in the paper that is to be read on the handling of tourists, some mention should be made of the road from Lahaina to Wailuku, via the Pali. The Senator declared that many people from the mainland and other parts of the world say that the road is a scenic marvel, and that more should be said in island literature about the beautiful drive.

Mr. Field, who has compiled a paper on Maui, said that he had, in his paper, written of the ride from Lahaina to the Wailuku side of the island.

## Paia Tennis Tournament

There will be great sport at Paia this afternoon when the two new tennis courts will be opened in style. The invitations have been sent out and a large attendance is expected. Four club teams at least will take part in the opening play, and there is a chance that there will be five outfits.

The Kahului, Wailuku, Lahaina and Paia clubs will surely be represented and, if the Puunene club

comes in, there will be five teams of eight players each. The Paia courts are declared to be the best of their kind in the territory, and the Paia club intends to mark the opening tournament in a fitting manner.

While, on paper, the Paia club seems to have the strongest bunch of players, there is no telling what may happen. The Wailuku outfit numbers such players as Meyers, Chillingworth, Brune and several others. They may be relied upon to make a good showing this afternoon, and may the best team win.

## Evangelical Convention

**Big Gathering at Waihee—Pastors From All Over Maui Are In Attendance.**

On Thursday morning last the semi-annual meeting of the Evangelical Association of Maui, Molokai and Lanai began in the Waihee Church, and will continue until Monday, September 22.

The churches of the county have been well represented at the association meeting, only five failing to send either pastor or delegate to the church, Sunday School or C. E. meetings. Among the ministers in attendance are Rev. W. B. Oleson, Secretary of the Hawaiian Board; Rev. Frank S. Scudder, Superintendent of the Japanese work of the Hawaiian Board; Rev. John P. Wadman, Superintendent of the Hawaiian work of the Board; Rev. Henry P. Judd, Superintendent of the Board's Sunday School work; Rev. R. B. Dodge of Wailuku, Rev. A. C. Bowditch of Paia, Rev. Samuel Kapu of Lahaina, Rev. S. P. Kaia of Honokohau,

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## Would Not Pay Alimony

E. A. Watson, formerly of Wailuku, and now said to be living in Honolulu, will once more visit this island if the plans of the county attorney's department do not go astray. A warrant for the arrest of Watson has been issued and he will be taken into custody today. The charge against the man is that he has failed to pay the \$50 per month alimony allowed by the court to his wife and children.

It will be remembered that Watson was "represented" in Lahaina on July 2 by an alleged attorney named Britt. It has been stated that Britt has no standing as an attorney, and that if he had not left the territory he would have got into serious trouble.

Watson is said to be in the auto rent service in Honolulu. He will appear before Judge Kingsbury on Tuesday morning next and, if he does not purge himself of contempt of court, will probably go to jail for some time.

## Wailuku Gym Prospering

Down at the Wailuku gymnasium there are considerable doings now-a-days, and the institution is flourishing in fine shape. The younger members are coming along well, and there is a large regular attendance. Dan Carey is working up all sorts of attractive schemes, and the consequence is that it is reported that during the past summer vacation there have been but few boys seen on the streets. The lads take to the gym

work like ducks to water, and the place is crowded most of the time.

As soon as there are one hundred members, a new billiard table will be installed. It has been promised, and there is no doubt in the minds of the energetic officials of the club that the much valued table will soon be installed.

The bowling is going on well and the youngsters are putting up scores that beat those of many of the adult rollers. That is a good sign, and shows that the younger crop of Maui bowlers will, in time, be ready to take their part in athletics. Senator Harry Penhallow is taking the greatest interest in the gymnasium, and he has now a reading room in which all the newspapers of the territory are to be seen. Captain Bal also takes a keen interest in the gym and he is of great service.

## Convention On Maui Next

That Maui will make a strong bid for the honor of holding the next Civic Convention on this island, was the sense of the vote taken at the meeting of the chamber of commerce on Thursday last. It was felt that Maui should get the opportunity of handling the next convention, and that the delegates from this island should make the suggestion plain to the convention that starts today in Honolulu.

Maui extended an invitation some time ago, but Honolulu won out. It is felt that this time the Valley Island will be more successful. The Maui delegates will put the matter up to the convention, and there is every probability of the next big meeting being held in Wailuku.

Kauai is also out after the honor of holding the next convention, but it is felt that Maui should have the first chance at the proposition.